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1. Based on his own observations, subsource states that the only military formations in the Russian Zone which are composed of former German PW's are the police units, particularly the border police.
2. During March 1948, two half-brigades (Halbbrigaden) of 1600 men each arrived at the troop training area at Jüterbog. One half-brigade came from Kalinin-grad, the other from Rovno. During their previous training period, these troops were put into action against Polish and White Ruthenian partisans. In Jüterbog they still wore their training uniforms, i.e., the usual Russian soldier's uniform with a broad dark yellow armband on the left sleeve. At present these units are being outfitted with German border police uniforms. Armament of these units consists of portable firearms, armored reconnaissance cars, German mortars, and 44 mm machine guns.
3. These troops reputedly will be used to relieve and strengthen border guard units in Thuringia.

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